

A CLOSER LOOK

By Ron Wilson

Hunting for Answers

North Dakota Game and Fish Department wardens field all sorts of questions from hunters in fall. Some they hear more often than others.

I'm not a tribal member, but I plan to hunt on Indian land. What license do I need?

"If you are going to hunt on Indian land on the reservation, the only hunting license you're required to have is a tribal license," said Robert Timian, Game and Fish Department chief warden. "But if you're hunting on non-Indian land on the reservation, only a state license is required and all state laws, licenses and regulations apply."

Can I use my deer gun license to shoot my deer with a bow during North Dakota's deer gun season?

"During the deer gun season, with a deer gun license, you can harvest a deer with any legal firearm or bow," Timian said.

What should I do if I find a wounded deer?

"Contact your local game warden and he'll instruct you as what to do, or he'll come to the scene," Timian said. "If you have a tag that matches the sex and species of the deer and it's in your hunting unit, you can choose to shoot the animal and tag it. But remember, if you shoot a wounded deer without contacting the game warden, be prepared to tag it."

What do I do about transporting someone else's deer?

"You need a transportation permit, which you can get from any of our Game and Fish regional offices, game wardens, and other local law enforcement offices," Timian said. "If you know that you're going to need a transportation permit, get in touch with a game warden as soon as possible after the deer has been taken. You can not get a transportation permit before you kill a deer. Don't wait until 15 minutes before heading for home. If you give us a little lead time, we'll do our best to accommodate you."

Most importantly, Timian reminds hunters, is to think safety while hunting.

"I know that the adrenaline is pumping when you're about to shoot a deer, but please make sure of your target and what is beyond your target," he said. "Once you pull the trigger, you can't call it back."



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